

GENERAL GRANTS

Below you will find a list briefly describing, by category, general grants that have been approved by the Criminal History Systems Board ("Board"). The Board adopts general grants when a number of applicants fit squarely into a specific category that is appropriate to receive CORI. The effect of a general grant is that the Board does not have to meet and review individual applications that fall into a general grant category; instead, they may be reviewed and approved by Board counsel upon receipt. If the purpose of your request for access does not match any of the grants listed, you should still proceed with the application process. Any applications received that do not fall into a general grant category will be reviewed individually by the Board for certification.

Please include in the application all pertinent information regarding all aspects or functions of your organization. Frequently organizations receive access to CORI pursuant to several applicable general grants. **All parties applying for certification must complete the appropriate certification application, providing full, complete and accurate information.**

GRANTS CONCERNING AGENCIES/INDIVIDUALS WITH ACCESS TO CHILDREN

Adoptive and Foster Parents

Agencies authorized to oversee or license the care of minors, or any public or private social agency authorized to place minor children in adoptive or foster homes may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening otherwise qualified prospective adoptive parents, prospective and current foster parents, permanent guardians and other adult household members.

American Red Cross

American Red Cross chapters may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America Affiliates and Other Child Mentoring Programs

Agencies which provide child mentoring programs may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

Boy Scout and Girl Scout Councils may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Camp and Recreation Programs for Children

Agencies which provide camp and recreation programs for children may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Child Care Programs Provided By Armed Services

Child care programs operated by the Armed Services may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Child Care Providers

Parents who are interested in screening current or prospective childcare providers who would have direct and unmonitored contact with their children have been authorized by the Criminal History Systems Board to have access to all conviction and pending case CORI data regarding the childcare providers.

Day Care Agencies (MA and out-of-state)

Day care agencies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Entities and Organizations Providing Activities or Programs to Children

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.6, §172H, entities or organizations primarily engaged in providing activities or programs to children 18 years of age or less that accepts volunteers, shall obtain all available CORI from the CHSB prior to accepting any person as a volunteer.

Government/Private Organizations Providing Educational/Athletic Training to Children

Agencies which provide educational, athletic or similar instructional training to children may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Nanny Placement Agencies

Nanny placement agencies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Operators of Camps for Children

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.6, §172G, operators of camps for children shall obtain all available CORI and juvenile data as found in the court activity record information from the CHSB of all employees or volunteers prior to employment or volunteer service.

Owners and/or Operators of Amusement Parks and/or Traveling Carnivals for Children

Owners and/or operators of amusement parks and/or traveling carnivals for children may access and receive conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise-qualified prospective staff who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Programs Operated By Religious Organizations Where Employees Have Unmonitored Access to Children

Programs operated by religious organizations may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

Public Libraries

Hiring authorities of public library personnel may access and receive conviction and pending case CORI for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees of the library who may have direct and unmonitored contact to children.

Social Service Child Care Providers

Human service agencies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for custody, control or unmonitored access to children.

Youth Athletic Programs

Agencies providing youth athletic programs may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

GRANTS CONCERNING SCHOOLS AND ENTITIES WHICH PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO CHILDREN

Agencies Providing Transportation to Children, Elders, Disabled Persons and Other Vulnerable Populations

Transportation companies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective drivers and monitors who have the potential for unmonitored access to children, elders, disabled persons and other vulnerable populations.

College or University Staff with Passkey Access to Residence Halls and/or Rooms or Staff that Work Primarily In Residential Areas

Colleges and universities may receive conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise-qualified prospective staff who have passkey access to residence halls and/or rooms, or who work primarily in residential areas.

Private School Bus Companies

Companies providing transportation services to schools may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to children.

School-Based Personnel, Laborers and Subcontractors

School committees, superintendents and principals of public or accredited private schools of any city, town, or regional school district shall have access to and shall obtain all available CORI for purposes of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who may have direct and unmonitored contact with children, including but not limited to, individuals regularly providing school-related transportation to children. Said school committee, superintendent or principal shall also have access to all available CORI of any subcontractor or laborer commissioned by the school committee of any city, town or regional school district to perform work on school grounds, and who may have direct and unmonitored contact with children.

School Bus Drivers

All school departments and hiring authorities for public, private and parochial schools may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who will transport children.

Schools Contracting with Taxicab Companies to Provide Transportation of Children

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.6, §172I, taxicab companies that have contracted to provide transportation of pupils pursuant to M.G.L. c.71, §7A shall submit the names of any employee who may have direct and unmonitored contact with pupils to the appropriate school committee or school superintendent prior to transporting any pupil. The school committee or superintendent shall obtain all available CORI on such employees from the CHSB pursuant to M.G.L. c.71, §38R.

Schools and Police Reports

A general grant of access to Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) is given to Massachusetts superintendents, directors and/or principals of public or private schools of any city, town, or regional school district in order to obtain police reports referring to adult students age seventeen years and older and those indicted as youthful offenders. This general grant of access extends in order to suspend or expel said students in accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, §37H1/2. This certification is conditional upon the superintendent, director, or principal providing the Criminal History Systems Board with documentation describing how the information will be securely transmitted, stored, and utilized. In addition, this certification requires that the police departments redact the names of victims as required by M.G.L. c. 258B and witnesses that are not necessary for the safety of the schools

GRANTS CONCERNING ACCESS TO PATIENTS AND SENSITIVE MATERIALS

Ambulance Companies

Ambulance companies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who transport the infirm, deal directly with patients and/or distribute narcotics.

Delivery Personnel with Access to Controlled Substances

Delivery Companies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to controlled substances.

Department of Mental Health Providers

Agencies authorized as providers by the Department of Mental Health may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to clients/patients.

Department of Mental Retardation Licensees and Providers

Department of Mental Retardation licensees and providers may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to clients/patients.

Department of Public Health Licensed and Certified Facilities, Providers and Suppliers

Department of Public Health licensed and certified facilities, providers and suppliers may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to clients/patients and/or controlled substances.

Home Health Aides

Agencies providing home health aides and other similar services in a client's home may receive CORI pertaining to

conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to clients.

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Providers and Contractors

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) providers and contractors may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to MRC consumers.

Medical, Psychological and Rehabilitative Services

Agencies providing medical, psychological and/or rehabilitative services may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective professionals, employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to clients/patients and confidential records.

Out-of-State Care Providers for Developmentally and Mentally Disabled Persons

Out-of-state day and residential care facilities for the developmentally and mentally disabled may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to clients/patients.

Out-of-State Licensed Hospitals

Out-of-state licensed hospitals may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to clients/patients and/or controlled substances.

Out-of-State Licensing Agencies

Out-of-state agencies authorized to license health care professionals may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purposes of screening license applicants and investigating current professionals.

Pharmaceutical Agencies

Pharmaceutical companies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for access to controlled substances.

Students Enrolled in Clinical Programs

Educational institutions may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective students participating in a program with the potential for unmonitored access to children, elders, patients or the disabled.

Unmonitored Access to Confidential Patient Information

Agencies dealing with confidential patient information may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to confidential patient files.

GRANTS CONCERNING THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

Agencies Providing Transportation to Children, Elders, Disabled Persons and Other Vulnerable Populations

Transportation companies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective drivers and monitors who have the potential for unmonitored access to children, elders, disabled persons and other vulnerable populations.

Elderly and Disabled in a Home or a Community Based Setting

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6, § 172C (*Chapter 444, Acts of 1997*), it is mandated that CORI shall be available to entities, including, but not limited to, home care corporations, municipalities, or any other entity receiving federal, state, or local funds, which employ, accept as a volunteer or refer for employment to a client, any individual who will provide care, treatment, education, training, transportation, delivery of meals, instruction, counseling, supervision, recreation or other services in a home or community based setting, for any elderly person or disabled person or who will have any direct or indirect contact with such elderly or disabled persons or access to such persons' files.

Elderly Foster Care

Adult Foster Care Programs may access and receive conviction and pending case CORI from the Criminal History Systems Board for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees or volunteers who will have the opportunity for unmonitored contact with clients.

Long Term Health Care Facilities

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6, § 172E (*Chapter 336 of the Acts of 1998*), CORI shall be available to any long term care facility, for the purpose of screening applicants under final consideration for, or an individual currently employed in, a position that involves the provision of direct care or treatment to residents of such facility.

R.S.V.P. – Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs

R.S.V.P. chapters may access and receive conviction and pending case CORI from the Criminal History Systems Board for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective employees or volunteers who may have direct and unmonitored contacts with children, the disabled or elderly.

Unmonitored Access to Elders

Agencies providing elder care services may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to elders.

GRANTS CONCERNING CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COURT RELATED ACTIVITY

Attorney of Record Certification

Attorneys of record may receive CORI in civil litigation, administrative hearings, and criminal cases for witness impeachment or trial strategy purposes. This general grant of access requires an approved motion from the court.

Campus Police Departments

Campus Police Departments whose officers are considered Special State Police Officers may receive CORI to the extent necessary for the performance of criminal justice duties.

Criminal Defense Agency Certification

Out-of-state government criminal justice agencies responsible for defending individuals in criminal court may receive all CORI for the purpose of assisting in the representation of the defendants.

GRANTS CONCERNING MUNICIPAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS

Airports Regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration

Airport operators and/or other administrators who have been designated to perform employment background checks at airports regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration, may receive access to all Court Activity Record Information, including non-conviction data, on current and otherwise-qualified prospective employees in positions outlined by 49 U.S.C. § 44936 and 14 CFR § 107.209 and § 108.229. These positions include individuals who have unescorted access to an aircraft of an air carrier or foreign air carrier, who have unmonitored access to a Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) or secured area of an airport in the United States or can authorize others to have unmonitored access to a SIDA, or who have the responsibility for screening passengers or property, act as supervisors of those who screen passengers or property, or have other security functions associated with baggage or cargo.

Airports Regulated by the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission

Airport operators and/or other administrators at airports regulated by the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission may receive access to all Court Activity Record Information, including non-conviction data, on current and otherwise qualified employees as covered by 49 U.S.C. §44936 and 14 CFR §107.209 and § 108.229. These positions include individuals who have unescorted access to an aircraft of an air carrier or foreign air carrier, who have unmonitored access to a Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) or a secured area of an airport or can authorize others to have unmonitored access to a SIDA, who have the responsibility of screening passengers or property, act as supervisors of those who screen passengers or property, or have other security functions associated with baggage or cargo.

Antique and Junk Dealer Licensing Authorities

Antique and junk dealer licensing authorities may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening applicants for antique and junk dealer licenses.

Armed Forces Recruiters

Armed Forces Recruiters may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening otherwise qualified prospective recruits for the United States Armed Forces.

Body Art Establishments and Body Art Practitioner Licensing Authorities

Municipal agencies responsible for regulating body art establishments and body art practitioners may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending case data for the purpose of screening applicants for a permit or license to establish a body art establishment or to engage in the practice of body arts.

Child Support Enforcement Units

State agencies authorized as child support enforcement units may receive incarceration information relevant to locating currently and formerly incarcerated obligor parents, as well as adjudications establishing paternity, child support and/or spousal support.

Commercial Ground Carriers

Commercial ground carriers may access and receive conviction and pending case CORI for the purpose of screening

current or otherwise qualified prospective employees who may come in contact with the traveling public.

Emergency Communication Centers

Emergency communication centers may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective dispatchers. When necessary, emergency communication centers may also receive and disseminate CORI to discharge its duties and responsibilities.

Firefighter Candidates in Massachusetts

Fire Chiefs and appointing authorities of firefighters may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening otherwise qualified firefighter candidates.

Fortuneteller Licensing Authorities

Fortuneteller licensing authorities may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening applicants for fortuneteller licenses.

Hawkers/Peddlers Licensing Authorities

Agencies authorized to license hawkers and peddlers may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening license applicants.

Legislative Committees

Legislative committees authorized to oversee agencies possessing CORI may inspect and copy said CORI to fulfill its legislative duties.

Liquor Licensing Authorities

Liquor licensing authorities for city and towns may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening license applicants.

Massachusetts Constables

Licensing authorities for constables may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening applicants for constables.

Massachusetts National Guard

The Massachusetts National Guard may screen individuals authorized unaccompanied access to the arms room, ammunition or explosive storage facilities. These persons would also have access to pertinent combinations and all keys to Intrusion Detective Systems, ammunition and explosive storage facilities, arms rooms, racks and containers. Individuals screened for this purpose must fall within the type of person who would normally have such access such as the Commander, First Sergeant, Executive Officer, Readiness NCO, Supply Sergeant, and Armorer.

Massage Licensing Authorities

Massage licensing authorities may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening prospective applicants seeking a license to perform massage and/or to operate massage establishments.

Motor Vehicle Companies Providing Towing Services under Contract with Police

Motor vehicle towing companies providing towing services pursuant to contracts with police may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current or otherwise qualified prospective tow truck operators and dispatchers.

Motor Vehicle and Salvage Yard Licenses for Municipalities

Municipalities may receive CORI for the purpose of screening applicants for Class I, II and III Motor Vehicle Sales and Salvage Yard licenses provided that the Municipality obtains the requested CORI from the CHSB and not the local police department.

Municipalities

Massachusetts and out of state municipalities may access and receive conviction and pending case CORI for the purpose of screening otherwise qualified personnel who may enter private residences while on municipal business and/or have the opportunity for direct contact with children, disabled persons, or the elderly.

Nuclear Power Industry

Power plants may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of satisfying the security requirements imposed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees with the potential for unescorted access to vital and protected areas of power plants.

Pawnshop Licensing Authorities

Pawnshop licensing authorities may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening prospective pawnshop licensing applicants.

Public Employee Retirement Administration and Local Retirement Boards

The Public Employee Retirement Administration (PERA) and local retirement boards may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of determining eligibility for retirement and/or disability benefits. PERA may also share CORI with any local retirement board already certified by the CHSB.

Registrar of Voters and Listing Boards

Boards of registrars of voters and listing boards may receive current status information regarding residence of any person registered to vote and listed as residing in any institution or facility charged with the custody of the CORI subject, within their jurisdiction for the purpose of purging voter lists of voters who no longer live at their listed address, and to access CORI conviction data from the Criminal History Systems Board and the custodial authorities to determine if the individual has been convicted of a felony and is prohibited from registering to vote in accordance with G.L. c. 51, § 1.

State Board of Bar Examiners

State Board of Bar Examiners may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening applicants for admission to the bar.

Taxi Licensing Authorities

Taxi licensing authorities may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective taxi license applicants.

Veterans Agents

Veteran agencies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening applicants for veteran's benefits.

GRANTS CONCERNING HOUSING AND ACCESS TO HOMES

Domestic Employees with Unmonitored Access to Persons in Homes

Companies providing domestic services may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for unmonitored access to persons in their homes.

Housing Authorities for Employees with Access to Housing Units

Housing authorities may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees who have the potential for passkey access to residential units.

Massachusetts and Out-of-State Housing Authorities and Agencies Administering Subsidized Housing Programs

Housing authorities and agencies issuing and/or administering federal or state subsidized housing programs may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of determining the eligibility of applicants for subsidized housing.

Out-of-State Housing Authorities

Out-of-state housing authorities are authorized to receive CORI for the purpose of screening prospective tenants for housing.

Public Housing Authorities and Project Based Section 8 Housing

Public housing authorities, on its own behalf and on behalf of owners of project based Section 8 housing, may receive pending and conviction CORI, indexed in the Interstate Identification Index maintained by the FBI, on adult applicants/tenants for the purposes of tenant selection, lease enforcement and eviction purposes. This certification is contingent upon the PHA, police department and CHSB executing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Property Management Companies with Residential Passkey Access

Property management companies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees who have passkey access to residential units.

GRANTS CONCERNING SECURITY FUNCTIONS

Out-of-State Security Guards/Proprietary Security Departments

CORI may be provided to out-of-state licensed security guard companies and out-of-state licensed proprietary security departments for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective applicants for employment.

Private Detective Agencies Licensed in North Carolina

Private detective agencies licensed in North Carolina may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees pursuant to the General Statutes of North Carolina, Chapter 74C, Section .0700.

Security Guard Companies, Proprietary Security Departments and Private Detective Agencies

Security guard companies proprietary security departments and private detective agencies may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective security personnel and private detectives.

MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL GRANTS

Background Check Companies

Background check companies may access and receive CORI from this agency for the purpose of screening otherwise qualified prospective employees or volunteers of client agencies or companies to the same extent as the client agency or company is authorized to receive CORI by the CHSB.

Companies/ Suppliers of Gas, Diesel, Fuel Oil, Propane and Petroleum Products

Companies and suppliers of gas, diesel, fuel oil, propane and petroleum products may access and receive conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise-qualified prospective drivers that possess a commercial driver's license with a hazardous material endorsement, managers that oversee security plans, and technicians that enter private residences.

Emergency Shelters

Emergency shelters may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to shelter residents and children.

Maintenance Service Agencies for Previously Certified Organizations

Agencies that provide maintenance services to organizations that are already certified to receive CORI may access and receive CORI from this agency for the purpose of screening otherwise qualified prospective employees assigned to work in those client organizations to the same extent as the client organization is authorized to receive CORI by the Board.

Organizations Engaged in the Business of Insurance

Organizations engaged in the business of insurance may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees for the positions of agent, broker, claims person, sales person, internal auditor, treasurer, director, officer, and employees who have access to claim accounts, accounts of insured, and to premiums.

Shelters for Battered Persons

Shelters for battered persons may receive CORI pertaining to conviction and pending criminal case data for the purpose of screening current and otherwise qualified prospective employees and volunteers who have the potential for unmonitored access to battered persons and children.